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TAGS: GE, WB, GW, PFOR

SUBJ: GDR PRESSES FOR DIPLOMATIC RENT PAYMENTS

REF: BERLIN 656

1. EAST GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE CALLED IN SEVERAL WESTERN AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO GDR LAST WEEK AND PRESENTED THEM WITH AIDE-MEMOIRE REQUESTING PAYMENT OF BACK-RENTS FOR CHANCERY BUILDINGS AND DIPLOMATIC RESIDENCES. (FYI MOST DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN EAST BERLIN HAVE REFUSED TO PAY RENTS SINCE GDR UNILATERALLY DOUBLED, ON SOME OCCASIONS TRIPLED, DIPLOMATIC RENTS LAST SUMMER. END FYI) ACCORDING TO FRENCH AND BRITISH EMBASSIES, THEIR AMBASSADORS ORALLY REJECTED CONTENTS OF AIDE-MEMOIRE AND HAVE REQUESTED GUIDANCE FROM THEIR CAPITALS. BOTH HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS REMAIN FIRM ON NON-PAYMENT UNTIL ISSUE HAS BEEN "PROPERLY RENEGOTIATED."

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, FRENCH DCM (JESSEL) AND BRITISH DCM (RHODES) TOLD MISSION OFFICER THEY HOPED US WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO TAKE ANY POSITION FOR TIME BEING ON
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FIGURES QUOTED TO US ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM (REFTEL). THEY

ALSO ASKED THAT CURRENT STATE OF RENT DISPUTE BE KEPT
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL SINCE THEY DID NOT WISH TO HAVE
MEDIA COMMENTARY PREJUDICE THEIR NEGOTIATING POSITIONS IN
ANY WAY.

3. FOR BONN: ACCORDING TO WEST BERLIN PRESS, THE FRG HAS
AGREED TO CERTAIN RENTAL FIGURES FOR ITS PERMANENT MISSION
AND STAFF RESIDENCES IN EAST BERLIN. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD
BE MOST HELPFUL IF THE EMBASSY COULD SECURE WHATEVER INFORMATION
IS AVAILABLE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY ON RENTS AND OTHER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF FRG REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN.
FRENCH AND BRITISH IN EAST BERLIN ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN SUCH
DATA, BUT PREFER TO KEEP MATTER AT THIS STAGE OUT OF
BONN GROUP FORUM.KLEIN

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